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Fire kills woman, 84

By Andy Siering
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — An 84-year-old woman died in a fire at her residence at 2815 Cayuga St. Tuesday morning.

Lilly O. Garner was found dead in her bed in the middle room of the wooden one-story house by firemen shortly after 8 a.m.

Four units responded to the fire, which took place three blocks from Fire House Number 2 in West Granite City. The call came in at 7:51 a.m.

The fire apparently had smoldered for a long time before it was reported. A neighbor smelled smoke as early as 5 a.m. but no smoke was visible until a visiting nurse who regularly tended to Mrs. Garner saw smoke emerging from an air conditioner on the side of the house.

The fire started in the front of the home. The victim did not smoke, and Granite City Fire Chief Joe Holder said the fire appeared to have been electrical in origin. "It might have started in the TV set" in the front room, Holder said.

The nurse opened the front door, which Garner was in the habit of leaving unlocked, and when she did so, the additional oxygen caused the fire to flare up, driving the nurse back after she had crawled to the bedroom.

The heat caused tarpaper on the front porch to melt and run down the wall.

A preliminary investigation suggests there is no reason to suspect arson, said a fire captain at the scene.

When she was pronounced dead at 8:30 a.m., it appeared she must have been dead before the fire started, said Deputy Coroner Ed Werner. But it was not possible to establish a probable time of death, he said.

It is known she had gone to bed at about 8:30 p.m. Monday. An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday.

Garner was a widow who lived alone. "She was a little slow (in walking) but she managed to get around OK," said her son-in-law, Herbert Hatley.

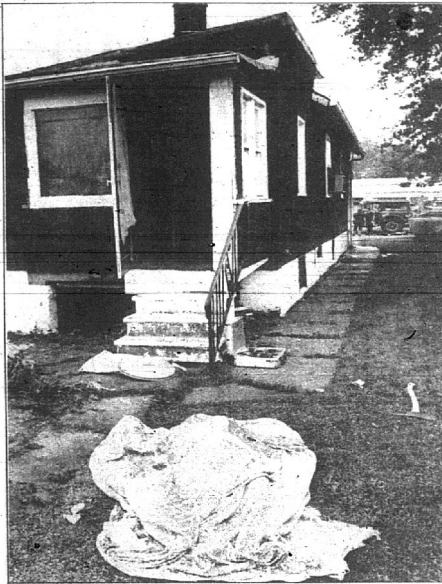
Garner is survived by her daughter, Pauline Hatley, and two sons.

The nurse, who had been assisting Mrs. Garner for about four months, said she often reminisced about her youth.

"She talked about when she was young, about her kids and stuff like that," the nurse said.

As firemen rolled up the fire hose afterwards, a plastic container was seen on the sidewalk out front. It held eight or nine plastic prescription vials found in the residence.

An obituary notice is given elsewhere in this issue.



FATAL FIRE. The body of Lilly Garner, 84, lay outside the back door of her home after it was discovered Tuesday morning by firefighters. The interior of the frame home was extensively damaged by a fire of unknown origin.

Reviews and previews

American Steel may open

American Steel Foundries will recall 35 to 40 employees, mostly in maintenance, and spend about \$1 million for four to five months of preparatory work to allow for the plant's reopening when needed, Granite City ASF Works Manager William P. Donovan announced at a press conference last week. After the work is finished, a decision on whether to resume operations will be made, based on the demand for railroad cars.

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50 years ago

Thursday, July 14, 1938

E.H. Myers, principal, Granite City Central Grade School, was given a \$10 salary increase to \$175 a month in next year's budget. A public hearing on the proposed budget for the grade school system is scheduled July 26.

Tell it like it is

Q: Do you think the government should pay supports to the tobacco industry?

Rev. Willie A. Teal

"I do not believe the government should subsidize the tobacco industry."

—Logan Street, Madison

Glenda Davis

"I'm definitely against it."

—Washington Avenue

Christeen Roberts

"No. It injures the man or woman smoking and it hurts the other fellow behind him, not smoking, just as bad."

—Rhodes Street

NEXT WEEK Will you be watching the Democratic National Convention on television this week?

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Quote of the week

"Its (American Steel) coming back is a wonderful sign of the further resurgence of the Tri-Cities area," United Way executive Janet Quarant said. "There is a general air of excitement that this is a real positive development for the community."

Tip of the hat



Gene Baker

National note

Granite City High School soccer coach Gene Baker gets the *Journal's* tip of the hat for his selection as soccer high school coach of the year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Baker has won 300 games and eight state titles in his 15 years in Granite City. A reception to honor Baker will be held Aug. 4 at Charlie's Restaurant. Those who wish tickets may purchase them from Sheridan's Drug Store, 23rd and State streets, or call 876-6626.

State aid not enough for schools

By Paul Guggina
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Despite the state legislature's approval of a \$82.5 million increase in general education spending, two Quad City area school districts are expecting cuts in state funding.

The increased spending, which awaits Gov. James Thompson's approval, would soften the financial blow caused by declining enrollments in Granite City and

Madison. But officials are calling it a "drop in the bucket" compared to the \$800 million that would have been generated for education by an income tax increase proposal that was killed by a Senate committee.

If Thompson approves the spending package as expected, Granite City District 9 would receive \$9.54 million in state aid — nearly \$300,000 (3.3 percent) less than last year, said Eugene Finley, a spokesman for

the State Board of Education.

Madison District 12 would receive about \$5,000 (0.2 percent) less than last year, Finley said.

Both districts have suffered from declining enrollments. What District 12 Superintendent Dan Kostenki calls the "magic formula" for determining state aid.

District 9 Superintendent Gib Wamsley said his district had 200 fewer students during the

past school year compared to 1986-87, and he expects the downward trend to continue.

"Hopefully it won't be that severe, but there is definitely going to be a decrease," he said. Wamsley and Kostenki both said they were disappointed the Legislature did not provide more help to schools.

"Many, many schools are in deficit financing, and unless there are some changes, there

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Sales licenses OK'd for mobile homes, TV dishes

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

POYNTON BEACH — Two new firms were granted business licenses in action taken by the Village Board at its June 28 meeting.

Ray Warren plans to operate American Lifestyles Mobile Home Sales on Illinois 162 at the new Interstate 255 interchange and was issued a license.

A plan of the property showing a proposed layout of the mobile homes being offered for sale will be presented to the trustees prior to the business opening, the owner said.

The second license was issued to Michael Heatherly, who will operate North Star Communications, 4145 Pontoon Road. The business will sell television satellite dishes.

Some questions were voiced about enforcement of licensing regulations and whether a penalty is included in the ordinance regulating business licenses.

A misdemeanor penalty clause will be added to a proposed ordinance being prepared by Village Attorney Keith Jensen.

The measure specifically covers licensing businesses which operate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only at the Oakmont Trade Center, a flea-market type of operation.

The proposed ordinance will allow a 90-day non-renewable permit costing \$10, or a one-year license costing \$25, both for multiple retail sales in one location.

More than 100 retail sales outlets are expected to be in operation at the trade center.

9 men, 1 woman qualify for 5 police openings

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — One woman is among the 10 applicants still in the running for five positions as Granite City policemen, Fire and Police Commissioner Linda Irwin said Monday.

The city will send five people to the Belleville Area College Police Academy for new hires, beginning Aug. 29.

"I think the men are ready for (a woman to be hired)," Irwin said. "I think they are accepting the possibility well. I think they expect it."

Forty people, including four women, applied for the patrol positions. Of these, 35 three of them women; were found qualified to take the physical and written tests given Saturday.

"The physical test started at 9 a.m. and they showered and, those that passed, immediately

took the written test," Irwin said. Twenty-one, including two women, took the written test. "The testing was a lot of fun," Irwin said. "I really enjoyed it. It was exciting to see so many people who really wanted to be police officers."

"It was hot and muggy, but not one person was disqualified on the 1 1/2-mile run. The women finished last, but they finished."

Irwin said the bench press "did them in," but the standards used on the test were the same as required by the academy. All who were required to take the caliper test for body fat passed, she said.

"It wouldn't be fair for us to send people who couldn't qualify," she said.

Irwin said none of the commissioners were allowed to see the written test, but from what she said.

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Youth uses illegal fireworks to kill kitten

By Jack C. Ventimiglia
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — With a group of 6- to 8-year-olds watching, an 11-year-old boy allegedly used illegal fireworks to kill a kitten.

"He opened (the kitten's) mouth and stuffed the firecrackers in there and lit them and stuck them down his throat," a neighbor, Robert Pickercell, said Tuesday.

The kitten's owner, Joshua Young, 6, protested while he and several small children watched the incident in his yard about 4 p.m. Monday.

"Joshua's very, very upset," his mother, Alice Young, said. "First of all, seeing it

done... And he kept saying, 'That's my cat, that's my cat.'"

Alice, 703 N. 28th St., said that when she tries talking to Joshua about what happened, he looks away and says he doesn't want to discuss it.

The 11-year-old is a bully who has chased her child home and who won't stay out of her yard, Alice said. She said Granite City police can't do anything about it.

"I'm real upset because I can't understand why something can't be done," Alice said. "This kid can come into my yard, he can hurt my kid, he can kill my animal, he can damage my property and nothing can be done about it. The other neighbors can't understand, either. This is the worst inci-

dent, though, because he killed our kitten."

Police Chief James Lengyel said state law does not allow children under 13 to be arrested.

"You're stuck with talking to him," Lengyel said.

Granite City Patrolman Mike Chosich, who deals with juveniles, said the seriousness of the case requires further investigation and it may be referred to the Madison County state's attorney for juvenile court action.

Alice said the 11-year-old boy needs supervision. She said the firecracker incident could have been worse.

"It would have been even more tragic if he'd decided it would have been funnier to do it to one of those kids."

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Support growing for education funds

To the editor:

In a marked change from past trips to the State Capitol, participants in this year's AAUP-FCB (American Association of University Professors, Faculty for Collective Bargaining) lobby day brought back some reasons for cautious optimism.

In discussions with Sens. Ken Hall and Sam Vadalabene, faculty learned that Senate Bill 1694, which had been strongly supported by both the IFT (Illinois Federation of Teachers) and AAUP, had passed the Senate.

This bill is the SIU appropriations bill and includes funds for 7 percent increase in faculty salaries.

The measure now goes to the House, where a great deal of additional lobbying will be necessary to ensure passage.

Here is a summary of comments made by our area legislators and by the assistant to the governor for higher education, Mary Barber:

Rep. Sam Wolf, D-Granite City:

"Tax increase: Wolf will support a tax increase that earmarks a major portion for education. To succeed, it will need the support of the leadership of both parties."

State University Retirement System Pension Board: Wolf is a sponsor of the bill which would provide for the election of at least some members of the SURS Board of Trustees. The bill is in conference committee and should pass with little difficulty if the parties can reach agreement on the specifics.

SIU Board of Trustees/faculty representation:

The bill (HB 3159) was reported out of the Higher Education

Committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

Rep. Wyvetter Younge, D-East St. Louis:

Tax increase/SIU funding: Younge has a long history of support for education. She is, however, concerned about how money appropriated is spent.

She was expressly concerned that allocations for administrative costs could possibly be too high in comparison with allocations for instruction and that perhaps greater budgetary consideration in connection with affirmative action goals is required.

Younge asked the IFT and the AAUP to support passage of legislation which would define with greater specificity each line item of the university's budget.

For example, she stated that the personal services (i.e. salary) line item should be broken down so that the legislature could appropriate money specifically for faculty salaries, civil service salaries, administrative salaries, professional staff salaries, etc.

The IFT and the AAUP agree with Younge. Discussions with our state lobbyists and with our affiliates on other campuses to bring about this reform have already begun.

We believe the vehicle for bringing about this reform is HB 3619, introduced by Rep. Jim McPike. This bill would require more specific line items in the university's budget, allowing legislators (and employees) to see how the money is spent.

Rep. Monroe Flinn, D-Cahokia:

Tax increase/SIU funding: Flinn pledged his support.

On previous occasions, Flinn has expressed support for pen-

sion reform and for tuition waivers. He has yet to make up his mind about faculty representation on the Board of Trustees.

Sen. Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville:

Tax increase: The senator will support a tax increase. He was a main sponsor of SB 1694, which contains a 7 percent salary increase.

Sen. Ken Hall, D-East St. Louis:

Hall is strongly opposed to tuition waivers. Of the legislators we talked to, he was least supportive of the need for a tax increase.

He has been a good friend in the past, and we hope to be able to convince him to support these measures in the future.

Hall was a co-sponsor of SB 1694, the SIU appropriations bill that contains the 7 percent faculty salary increase.

Mary Barber, assistant to the governor for higher education: Barber stated the governor's support for a tax increase, and made it clear that spending increases (like the salary increase included in SB 1694) would probably not survive without additional tax revenue.

She encouraged the type of cooperative effort and coalition building that the IFT and AAUP were engaged in as the only way to organize support for, and passage of, a needed tax increase and improved funding for higher education.

All of the legislators reported receiving large volumes of mail concerning the financial crisis in higher education. They also report that it seems to be working.

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Dixon, Simon see breakthrough on new national park in East St. Louis

U.S. Sens. Alan Dixon and Paul Simon say Interior Secretary Donald P. Hodel is ready to transmit papers to Congress formally creating a new national park in East St. Louis.

The step will clear the way for acquisition of land for the new park, which will be an Illinois extension of Missouri's Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JNEM) directly across from it on the Mississippi River. The park anchors St. Louis' Gateway Arch.

Fifty acres of land for the park will be donated by a group headed by St. Louis attorney Myron Levy; the rest will be purchased by the National Park Service.

A plan for the park was sent to Hodel by a commission created by legislation advanced by Simon and Dixon in 1984.

The park legislation was first introduced more than a decade ago by the late Mel Price, congressman from the 21st District. Simon pushed the measure through the House and Dixon helped win the Senate's approval in 1984.

Simon saw in the project the opportunity both to complete the original concept of JNEM's architects, who envisioned parkland on both sides of the river, and to spark economic development in East St. Louis and its riverfront.

The Illinois senator wants to make the park home to a new "world class" museum celebrating America's ethnic diversity.

Simon's idea has been seconded by the commission, which estimates the museum can be built for \$50 million in private and public funds.

Dixon and Simon issued the following joint statement:

"We are pleased to learn that Interior Secretary Hodel is expected soon to approve official steps by the National Park Service to acquire land for the new Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Park extension in East St. Louis.

"It is our understanding that the Department of the Interior has obtained all the local commitments needed to make the east side park a reality. After Secretary Hodel approves the plan, the National Park Service will begin land acquisition and development of the addition to the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

With this step, the original vision of the architects of the Gateway Arch project will be on its way to fulfillment."

Park district sponsors tour to Bloomington

GRANITE CITY — The Granite City Park District will sponsor a tour of the Nestle-Beich candy factory at Bloomington and a visit to Springfield on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

The factory tour will conclude in an area where samples of candy made at the factory may be tasted and also purchased, park officials said.

After the tour, the group will board the bus for Eastland Mall.

Bloomington, where lunch will be served at Bishop's Buffet. Shops in the mall also may be visited.

After lunch, the tour will continue to Springfield, where the newly restored Lincoln home may be visited. If time allows, a stop will be made at an area of shops and cafes near the Old State Capitol.

Cost of the trip will be \$15 per person, with patrons paying for

their own meals on the day of the excursion.

Reservations will be accepted, starting at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 14, at the Wilson Park office. Only two reservations can be made by one individual, with proof of residency necessary for each person.

Non-residents wishing to make the trip will be placed on a waiting list.



Gloria Falbe

Average at 4.0

Gloria Falbe, wife of Larry Falbe, 2526 Adams St., Granite City, received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., May 14.

Falbe is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Kappa Gamma Epsilon honorary societies. She graduated summa cum laude, with a grand point average of 4.0.

In addition to her degree from McKendree College, she holds an associate of arts degree from Belleville Area College.

Falbe has accepted a position with the St. Louis archdiocese schools as an elementary teacher.

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Moore leads library board

At the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Granite City Public Library, officers were elected for the 1988-89 year. Florence Moore again will serve as president of the board.

E. Marshall Schroeder was elected as vice president, Mary Jo Akeman secretary and George Filcoff, treasurer.

Moore named the following committees and chairpersons:

Personnel: Schroeder; Books: Marceline Williams; Buildings, Grounds and Equipment: Akeman; Finance: Filcoff; Planning and Development: Helen Kuenstler; Negotiations: Haig Nighoghossian; Public Relations: Ronald Coleman; and Branch Construction: James Schmiedake.

Gospel Men to meet

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McPike defending legislative session

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Not all legislative leaders liked all the bills that passed this session, however.

Area legislators differed on whether the state income tax increase advocated by the governor should have been passed before the Legislature adjourned Saturday night, July 2. The Legislature will not reconvene until Nov. 10.

McPike and Assistant Senate Majority Leader Vince Demuzio, D-Carlinville, sharply disagreed on the financing plan for a new stadium for the Chicago White Sox.

McPike, who once represented the Granite City area in the House, played a key role in getting it passed. He called keeping the White Sox in the state one of the session's major achievements.

Demuzio considered it the low point of the session. He heads the Illinois Democratic Party.

McPike, whose leadership position gives him the most influence in helping to fashion major bills, ticked off a number of what he considered important achievements shortly after the General Assembly adjourned.

McPike cited the sales tax reform bill, which will provide a more uniform base and collection system while providing new revenues to pay for wastewater treatment projects and grants to cities and counties.

He also cited legislation to correct "abuses" in the Tax Increment Financing program.

Two bills dealing with the state's growing garbage disposal crisis — one to allow the state to start collecting dumping fees again and another to require large counties like Madison to start planning for mandatory recycling efforts — also were listed by McPike.

Funding to finally start the Comprehensive Health Insurance Program for disabled and chron-

ically ill people unable to get private insurance at reasonable cost was also approved, McPike said.

"The only thing I would have liked to have seen is some more money for education, but we did the best we could do with revenues available," McPike said, noting the governor was sent a spending authorization for education up \$200 million, 5 percent more than last year.

McPike said that because the governor's revenue estimates may be too conservative, it is likely another \$50 million may be authorized for higher education during the session in November.

Sen. Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville, the only area legislator who came out unconditionally for a higher income tax, said he was disappointed and considered the General Assembly's inaction a mistake.

"Education and social services need the money, as has been evident by the layoffs and cuts in service in those areas."

"I heard a lot from pharmacists, hospitals and physicians about not being paid by the state (for Medicaid services to the poor). They still won't be getting their checks as soon as they should from the state, and are jeopardized," Vadalabene added.

"I got (more than) 7,000 letters in favor of a tax increase and only about 50 against. Of course, most of those who wrote in favor would benefit from the increase," Vadalabene said.

The senator said the governor told him he appreciated his support for the tax proposal, and he expects Thompson will give favorable consideration to some items in the district.

These include \$5 million for the new Art and Design building at SIUE and \$20,000 Vadalabene said he was promised two years ago to help pay for the cost of the Edwardsville High School Orchestra's trip to international music competition in Vienna, Austria, last summer.

McPike was presiding over the House when the vote was going on and held open the roll call

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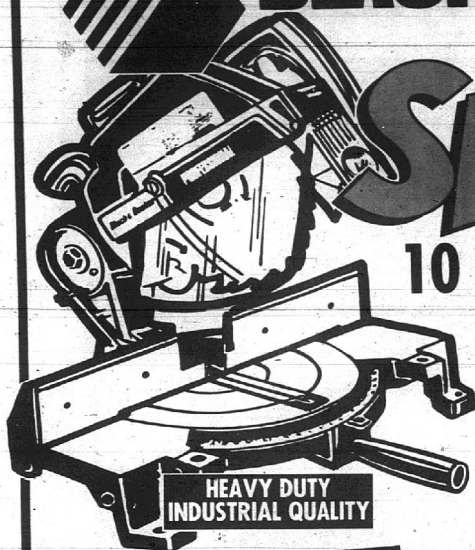
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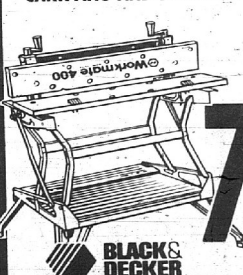
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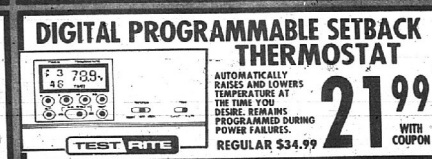
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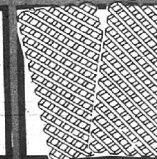
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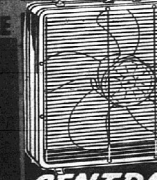
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Hartigan sues to stop traveling photo business

EDWARDSVILLE — Attorney General Neil P. Hartigan has filed suit to return money consumers allegedly have lost through a company that operated a traveling photography studio business. He also asks the court to stop the company from operating in Illinois in the future.

Named in the lawsuit filed in Madison County Circuit Court are Michael Goodwin, 1104 Camlet Lane, Godfrey, and Larry Rush, 105 Candy Lane, Cottage Hill.

Since April 1987, Hartigan's office has received more than

100 consumer complaints involving this company, most of them from the Madison and St. Clair counties areas.

In addition, Hartigan's office has been contacted by the attorneys general of Iowa, Kansas and Missouri who have had complaints filed against American Heritage Studios.

Hartigan's suit asks the court to issue a permanent injunction to keep the individuals from doing business in Illinois, to rescind all contracts with consumers, to have the pair pay full restitution, and to pay a \$50,000 civil penalty for violations.

The suit is being handled for Hartigan by Assistant Attorney General Delores Martin of the Springfield Consumer Protection Division.

Legislature

McPike defends session

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while the governor and Speaker Michael Madigan rounded up enough votes for a new baseball stadium.

McPike argued the White Sox bill would not hurt Downstate because it provides money from a hotel-motel tax that could not be used for any other purpose.

"Regardless of the funding source, the public perception will be that we preferred helping an athletic team over schools, mental health and other social services, and it will be difficult to explain," said Demuzio, who considered passing the White Sox bill a mistake.

But Demuzio wouldn't criticize McPike for supporting the White Sox deal. Demuzio cast a critical vote for an earlier White Sox stadium bill in the fall of 1986, and it was revised this year.

Demuzio said a balanced budget was a major achievement of the session.

Although he believes there is a need for additional revenue, "as it got out of here, we have done well."

Most school districts in his area "did pretty well" in state aid even without an income tax increase, he said.

But the real highlight was wastewater treatment grants for the nearly 800 communities facing federal deadlines to make improvements, said Demuzio, who has been seeking a source for the grants for three years. He has 14 of the communities in his district facing the deadline, including Bevid, Gillespie and Bunker Hill.

Mandatory auto insurance and extending and expanding the energy assistance program for low-income people were also cited by Demuzio.

Rep. Sam Wolf, D-Granite City, cited the mandatory auto insurance bill as a big accomplishment of the session as well as the TIP reform bill.

Both Wolf and Rep. Tom Ryder, R-Jerseyville, said they thought a state income tax increase proposal should have come to a vote.

Wolf said he "probably would have voted for a tax increase, but it depends on the specifics."

Ryder said he "would have supported a tax increase under certain conditions," one of the conditions being property tax relief.

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Date: June 29, 1988

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

A plan to close the Triangle Metallurgical Inc. hazardous waste storage facility located in Granite City, Illinois, has been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) pursuant to Subpart G of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 725. The site is a former storage area, a new storage area, and a material stockpile for scrap metal pieces, drosses, and floor sweepings. Triangle Metallurgical shall continue to operate at this site following closure of the three hazardous waste storage units. At this time the IEPA is also requesting that the facility provide information concerning any prior release of hazardous waste constituents from any solid waste management facility on the site.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the plan or request modifications of the plan or provide information on the release, at any time, of hazardous waste constituents from the facility, within 30 days of the first publication date of this notice. Written comments must be addressed to the IEPA, Government & Community Affairs, Attn: Public Notice Clerk, 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 1276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

The site must be closed in accordance with the standards set forth in the Environmental Protection Act, Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 111, Pars. 101 et seq., and regulations adopted thereunder.

The proposed closure plan, closure performance requirements, and other documents are available for inspection and copying from the DLEC Field Manager at the Collinsville Regional Office, 309 Mail St., Collinsville, Illinois 62234-618/345-6226. Sign response to requests or at the discretion of the IEPA, a public hearing may be held to clarify or discuss issues concerning the closure plan. Public notice will be issued 30 days before public hearing. DRmsb/1816j/33

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The ASSET program is given every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, Aug. 13 and 20, at 9 a.m. in Room 316 of the campus, 4650 Maryville Road in Granite City.

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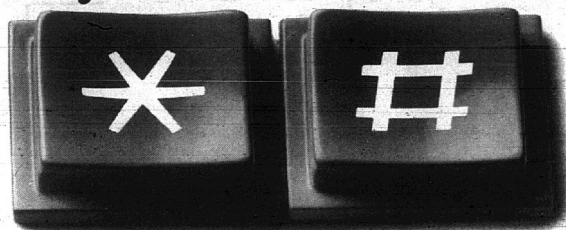
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For the record

Light rail project ready to switch to fast track soon

By Roger McGrath
Staff affiliate

Planning for the Metro Link light-rail system hits the fast track in July.

Officials of the Bi-State Development Agency expect action on a number of fronts that will push forward the proposed light rail system connecting East St. Louis and downtown St. Louis to Lambert Airport.

The major obstacle remaining is getting funding commitments from area governments.

When Metro Link begins operation, projected for 1992, Bi-State would operate a combined bus-rail system for the metropolitan area. Barreling along toward July are:

The final draft of the "full-funding contract," which is due from the Urban Mass Transit Administration "any day," Steve Willis, deputy general manager for the light rail project, said.

Several conditions remain to be resolved before UMTA will sign the full-funding contract, which would obligate the federal government to pay Metro Link's \$230 million construction cost.

Agreements transferring the Eads Bridge and about 12 miles

of railroad right-of-way to Metro Link, said Harvey A. Harris, the Stolar Partnership attorney representing Bi-State.

In exchange for the track, the Terminal Railroad and Norfolk Southern Corp. would get title to the MacArthur Bridge, a railroad bridge just south of downtown.

The request for bids from engineers, architects and construction managers. The winning bidders, which Willis expects to hire by Dec. 1, will undertake the final engineering and design, and schedule construction of Metro Link.

Actual construction probably wouldn't begin until summer 1989, Bi-State officials have said. Ads seeking applicants for key positions on Metro Link's 23-person staff, Counting Willis, the staff now numbers three.

The labor agreement that would recognize Local 788 of the Amalgamated Transit Union as the representative for Metro Link employees. The union represents Bi-State's drivers and mechanics.

Among the conditions Bi-State must resolve before UMTA will

sign the full-funding contract are transfer of the railroad right-of-way and approval of the labor agreement.

The biggest hurdle, though, is getting local governments that subsidize Bi-State's bus system to sign letters that would commit them to providing "stable and reliable" operating revenues.

So far, only the City of St. Louis has signed the letter. In mid-June, County Executive Gene McNary softened his opposition, saying he would approve paying Bi-State \$2 for every \$1 the city contributes. The two-to-one formula would resume when Metro Link started operating.

The county, however, won't underwrite any Bi-State operating losses exceeding the annual subsidy, McNary said.

The Madison and St. Clair counties transit districts have said they won't sign letters committing them to finance light rail.

Officials of both districts have said they would sign letters saying they will continue to subsidize Bi-State's bus system.

•Money State increases little local help

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are going to have to be drastic measures taken across the state," Walmsey said.

"The legislature in general is not meeting the needs of the schools. I'm concerned about the needs for education getting caught up in politics," Kostienki called the Legislature's failure to earmark more money for education "a blatant disregard for the education system of the state of Illinois."

"I continue to say they're holding our children hostage," Kostienki said. "Gosh, we're scraping right now just to hold an even keel. We're in the red. Right now we're working on our year-end balances to see how bad we were, and we're hoping and praying it doesn't get any worse."

Besides the \$52.5 million for general education spending, the

Legislature increased spending by \$52.8 million for "categoricals" — money set aside for specific uses, which must be requested by individual districts.

"Altogether it's about a \$105 million increase, which is so insignificant that it really will make no appreciable difference to anybody," said State Rep. Mary Lou Cowlishaw, R-DuPage, spokesman for the Illinois House of Representatives' Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education.

"It's a heck of a lot of money, but compared with the (total education budget of) \$2 billion, it doesn't make a big difference," she said.

Cowlishaw was a supporter of the tax increase proposal. So was State Rep. Sam Wolf, D-Granite City, who said the proposal might get a second chance when the General Assembly reconvenes this fall.

"I'm sure there will be discussions about it throughout the summer, and I would say there's

a good chance this could come up again in the fall," Wolf said. In the meantime, school districts will have to make do with what they have, he said.

"I don't see how we can possibly address the situation, really, without a tax increase. But right at the moment there isn't any, and those in positions of responsibility are going to have to find ways to get by," he said.

Locally, Walmsey said he hopes enrollment figures will level off. One way that might happen, he said, is if American Steel Foundries reopens its Granite City plant.

"I think that would have a tremendous impact. Many of the people they would employ would move to the community and bring their children with them," he said. "They would enroll their children in our schools."

American Steel officials announced last week the plant may reopen, possibly bringing 200 jobs to Granite City initially and more later.

•Cop Jobs

One woman still in running for job

They had been told it seemed interesting.

"Everything is very job related," she said. "It's mostly ap-

ply, but it deals with things a policeman needs to be able to do."

Oral examinations, the next step in the testing process, will be scheduled after background checks are completed on the 10,

Irwin said.

The oral examination will be followed by a medical and psychological examination, a polygraph and a test for drugs, she said.

Camera class being offered

Three members of the St. Louis Camera Club have teamed up with the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site staff to develop a basic camera class.

Using Cahokia Mounds as a setting and also the artifacts, excavations and reconstructions, students will learn how to effectively use cameras.

The class will meet four Saturdays: July 9, July 23, Aug. 6 and Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Advance registration and a \$15 fee is required.

The classes will cover properly loading and operating a cam-

era, seeing pictures, composition, cropping, proper lighting, flash, close-up photography and problem solving.

Any still camera is welcomed, including instant cameras. Participating students will have a inside the Museum from Sept. 9 through 23.

Those who wish more information may call the museum at 344-5288.

Cahokia Mounds is eight miles from downtown St. Louis near Collinsville, off Interstate 255, 55/70 and Illinois 111, on Collinsville Road.

Simpson attends sales convention

Sher Simpson of Granite City joined 1,200 other UndercoverWear Sales Agents for a week-long sales conference held in Boston.

UndercoverWear entertained 1,200 guests with seminars and meetings, a "50s party," fashion shows and a tour of the new UndercoverWear world headquarters. The finale was a dinner in the Boston Sheraton Hotel's Grand Ballroom.

Obituaries

Doty

Ota Lee Doty, 87, Erin, Tenn., died at 3:30 a.m. Monday, July 11, 1988, at Royal Care Nursing Home, Erin.

She was the mother of Charles and Samuel Doty, both of Granite City. In addition to her two sons, she is survived by two daughters and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place at the Nave Funeral Home, Erin, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today (Wednesday). Burial will be made at Big Sandy, Tenn.

Garner

Lily O. Garner, 84, 2815 Cayuga St., was pronounced dead at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday by Deputy Coroner Ed Winter following a fire at her home.

A widow, she is survived by a daughter, Pauline Hatley, Granite City, and two sons, one in Kansas City and one in California.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3839 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, 737-1009.

LeMaster

Harold "Shakey" LeMaster, 65, 2724 Maryville Road, died at 2:35 a.m. Monday, July 11, 1988, at John Cochran Veterans Hospital, St. Louis. He had been ill one month and in the hospital one-half day.

He was born Oct. 22, 1922, and had lived in Granite City his entire life.

He served as a chauffeur in 1970 from Teamsters Local 525. A World War II Army veteran, he was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1300.

Survivors include his wife, Madeline (Selmer) LeMaster; four sons, Scott, Jay and Lyndon LeMaster, all of Granite City, and Larry LeMaster, Atlanta; one daughter, Tina Gresham, Granite City; one brother, Leon LeMaster, Granite City; and four sisters, Mrs. Gene (Nadine) Frith, Mrs. Woody (Geneva) Woodward, Mrs. Chuck (Alma) Buente and Mrs. Alfred (Erma) Curtis, all of Granite City.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland Blvd., 877-0220.

Murphy

Clyde Murphy Sr., 68, Staunton, formerly of Granite City, died at 3:31 p.m. Sunday, July 10, 1988, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Alton.

Born Aug. 19, 1919, in Perryville, Tenn., he resided in Granite City for more than 20 years. He worked as a blacksmith for the General Steel Castings plant for 20 years and was a World War II Army veteran.

Mrs. Murphy married the former Hazel Curtis on May 18, 1940, in New Madrid, Mo.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Modena Lindsey, Granite City; Irene Clemons, Livingston; and Joan Lee Brannan, Godfrey; two sons, Clyde Murphy Jr. and Johnny Murphy, both of Staunton; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place Tuesday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Williamson Funeral Home, 108 W. Henry St., Staunton, where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today.

(Wednesday), with the Rev. John Harvey officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund.

Polley

Richard A. Polley, 74, 3909 Village Lane, died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, July 10, 1988, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. He had been ill for one year and in the hospital 10 days.

Born Jan. 29, 1914, in Alliance, Ohio, he had lived in the Quad City area for many years. He retired as a maintenance foreman for American Steel Foundries in 1976, after 36 years of service. He was a member of Nameoki Presbyterian Church and Madison Avenue Post 204.

Survivors include his wife, Viola (Knecht) Polley; four daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Terry) Papp, Mrs. Phillip (Marlynn) Bialson, Mrs. William (Karen) Sziedler and Mrs. Bill (Linda) Stearns, all of Granite City; three brothers, Charles and Robert Polley, both of Granite City, and Herbert Polley, Greenville; and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation was held Tuesday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave. Funeral services will be held today (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. at Nameoki Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road, with the Rev. Don Pierson and the Rev. David Fielding officiating. Burial will be at Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

Sprankle

Gertie N. (Maize) Sprankle, 87, Colonnades Nursing Home, died at 2:55 p.m. Monday, July 11, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been ill in health for 10 years.

Mrs. Sprankle was born Feb. 13, 1901, in Birch Tree, Mo., and had lived in Granite City her entire life. She was a charter member of Trinity Tabernacle, Madison. Her husband, the Rev. William Teier, who founded that church, died in 1948.

Also preceding her in death was her husband, Glen W. Sprankle, in 1975.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. the Rev. Doyle Ankrom officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to the Trinity Tabernacle Church Building Fund.

Westbrook

Thomas R. Westbrook Sr., 68, 2432 Logan Ave., was pronounced dead at his home by Madison County Deputy Coroner Randy Irwin at 3 a.m. Monday, July 11, 1988. Mr. Westbrook had been in ill health for 8 1/2 years.

Born May 1, 1920, in Moro, he had lived here many years, retiring as a welder at General Steel Industries after 33 years of service. He was a member of First United Pentecostal Church, Boilemakers Local 283 (Wood River), and was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby (Betts) Westbrook; two sons, Thomas R. Westbrook Jr., Granite City, and Paul Brown Lutz, Fla.; four daughters, Mrs. Pete (Pamela) Reiter, Mission Viejo, Calif., Mrs. Cheryl Smith, Madison, Mrs. David (Paula) Anderson, Granite City, and Mrs. Gregory (Christy) Cann, Virginia Beach, Va.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, with the Rev. Kenneth Reeves officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials may be made to the Colonial Christian Academy.

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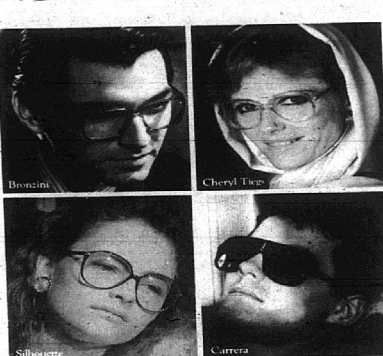
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'89 VP Fair plans launched; visitors make '88 successful

By Lucyann Boston
Staff affiliate

Visitors to the July 2-4 VP Fair are getting much of the credit for making the three-day Independence Day event a success — and for its planned continuation next year.

Scheduled dates for 1989 are Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2, and Tuesday, July 4. A decision has not yet been made on what type of fair activities, if any, will be held on Monday, July 3.

This year's attendance has been set officially at 2.6 million.

With the cleanup of the grounds at the Gateway Arch scheduled for completion July 8, VP Fair officials and National Park Service personnel praised those who gathered for the wholesome, family-styled eighth annual fair and the minimal damage to the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

Damage to the grounds of the Arch area during the rain-soaked VP Fair in 1987 threatened cancellation of the celebration.

"The park (in 1988) was cleaner every night than it's ever been before," said Charles H. Wallace, executive director of the VP Fair. "The public wants to keep the fair. We had a more family-oriented group this year and they put trash in containers whenever it was possible."

The lack of a main stage with its attendant trailers and electrical hookups directly under the Arch gave the grounds a more open, park-like feeling, Wallace said, adding that the public responded by keeping the area neat.

"It's their (the public's) fair," said Jerry Schober, superintendent of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. "They're going to dictate how it continues."

Fair officials note that this year there was less alcohol and less drug abuse as well as less trash to haul off the grounds. In the days following the event, they took pride in the comments of National Park Service Director William Penn Mott Jr., who was honorary chairman of the event and spent the three days of the fair in St. Louis. Permission of the National Park Service is required for the use of the Arch grounds.

"He told us he wished the Fourth of July celebration in Washington (put on by the National Park Service) could get half the community involvement that you have in St. Louis," said Allyn Glaub, public relations spokesman for the fair.

Mott also praised the fireworks sponsored by the *Suburban Journals* as "every bit as good" as the ones at the 1988 centennial celebration of the Statue of Liberty in New York, Schober said.

The theme of this year's fair was Parks USA and the attention the crowd gave to the National Park Service exhibition, "was overwhelming," Schober said.

"We thought we had enough literature for all three days and it didn't even make it through the first day."

The success of the National Park Service exhibit and other hands-on displays, particularly those involving children, will lead to more of the same next year, Wallace said.

"The theme of next year's fair will be education, particularly public education," he said.

"We're already working with Michael Crawford, chancellor of the St. Louis Community College District, to develop ideas."

Fair officials also are pleased with the success of the diversified entertainment stages rather than emphasis on a single main stage, both in terms of crowd reaction and protection of the grounds.

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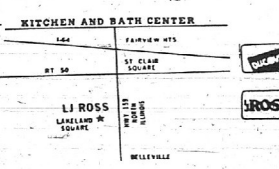
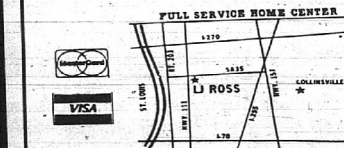
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New laws to stress recycling

SPRINGFIELD — Don Etchison, director of the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources (ENR), has recommended the Illinois General Assembly for approving a far-reaching package of legislation addressing the state's mounting solid waste disposal problems.

"Recent studies have shown that overall the state may have less than five years of permitted landfill capacity remaining," Etchison said.

"Passage of HB 3100 and the other legislation establishes a permanent funding mechanism which will allow my department and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to work with citizens, businesses and local governments to address the disposal issue."

"As a result of this legislation state government will be a leader in recycling, setting an example for local governments and businesses to follow in using recycled materials and recycling valuable resources," Etchison said.

"In addition, new mandates requiring planning by local government will set the stage for positive action on comprehensive solid waste management which will include all important recycling programs."

"These bills address the implementation of solutions to the solid waste problem on many fronts. I am especially glad to see Illinois in a leadership position in promoting the use of biodegradable plastic bags. These bags will solve environmental and disposal problems while increasing markets for corn."

"Following are brief descriptions of the bills which received approval from the General Assembly and now await action by Gov. James Thompson:

HB 3100 — Amends Environmental Protection and Solid Waste Management acts to correct constitutional defects of an earlier surcharge on landfill (trash) tipping fees. It provides a permanent funding mechanism for solid waste programs of ENR and IEPA.

The state surcharge will be 60 cents per cubic yard for two years, the rate falling to 45 cents per cubic yard in the future. The bill also places a cap on local tipping fee surcharges.

HB 3389 — Amends the Solid Waste Management Act to

require recycling in state government, including collection of newspaper, use of recycled paper products, consideration of recycled products in procurement, and use of compost where appropriate.

It requires ENR to develop education programs for solid waste management and recycling, to study recycling scrap tires, waste reduction methods, and markets for composted material. It also authorizes a revolving loan program for solid waste and recycling projects.

HB 4033 — Amends State Property Control Act and Finance Act to require that state agencies consider recycling before other methods of waste disposal. The proceeds from sales of recyclable materials must be placed in a separate account to offset costs of purchasing recycling products called for in HB 3389.

SB 1599 — Amends the Environmental Protection Act to prohibit landfills from accepting landscape waste unless in a container that is biodegradable. It removes composting facilities from the local siting approval process.

HB 3800 — Is similar to SB 1599 and amends the Environ-

mental Protection Act to define "composting" and "biodegradation." It exempts compost facilities from the local siting process, but requires permits for landscape waste composting operations.

SB 1516 — Creates the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act to require counties over 100,000 population and cities over 1 million to develop comprehensive solid waste plans by 1991, requires ENR to fund 25 pilot curbside recycling programs, and requires plastic to be labeled as to type to encourage recycling.

HB 589 — Sponsored by Rep. Monroe Filan and Sen. Richard Luft, makes municipalities without solid waste plans subject to those produced by counties; affects hours of landfill operation and requires utilities to enter into contracts to purchase electricity generated from methane gas produced at landfills.

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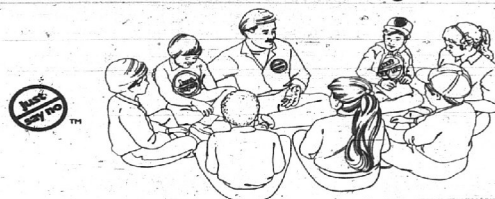


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Health

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Fewer pregnant women smoke

By Bernard J. Turnock
M.D., Director, Illinois
Department of Public Health

It is a well known and well documented fact that women who smoke during pregnancy are more likely to deliver small, premature babies than are women who do not smoke.

In an effort to try to determine how widespread the smoking habit is among pregnant women, the state health department recently analyzed information gathered from expectant mothers served by the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program.

It was determined that of the nearly 9,500 women surveyed more than 3,000 (31.9 percent) smoked during the pregnancy.

The percentage of women who smoked during pregnancy

ranged from a low of 21.4 in Cook County to a high of 75.0 percent in Piatt County.

The highest percentages of pregnant smokers were found in 11 central Illinois counties in addition to Piatt—Morgan, Logan, Menard, Montgomery, Greene, Sangamon, Moultrie, Coles, Shelby, Vermilion and Macon.

The data also indicate that smoking during pregnancy is most prevalent among white women in the 25-29 age group.

One encouraging finding from this survey is that smoking among pregnant women declined from 35.4 percent in 1984 to 31.9 percent in 1987.

Although these statistics were obtained from WIC participants, there is no reason to believe a survey of all pregnant women would yield any different

results. The simple fact is that too many pregnant women are smokers.

Smoking during pregnancy can result in low-birthweight babies. And low birthweight is the leading cause of infant mortality.

Those who are pregnant should make every effort to quit smoking.

Expectant mothers should do everything they can to assure the health and well being of their babies.

Eating more healthful foods, avoiding alcohol and following all her physician's advice can sometimes mean making sacrifices. And giving up cigarettes is one of the most important sacrifices a pregnant woman can make for the benefit of her child.

Eat red meat to avoid heart disease?

Americans may soon help reduce their risk of developing heart disease while consuming beef—yes, red meat.

Red meat, that is, which has been manipulated with fatty acids found in fish oil.

Anthony W. Young, associate dean for research at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale's College of Agriculture, said, "Medical researchers have already found decreased cases of heart disease in populations that are consuming high levels of fatty fish."

Ingredients found in fish oil that have been suggested as being beneficial in reducing heart disease include: n-3 poly-

unsaturated fatty acids (n-3 PUFA), eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA).

Researchers at SIUC have been studying ways of adding fish oils to beef cattle diets to increase potential health benefits of beef consumption.

Cattle don't benefit directly from the fish oil. The SIUC researchers have found that the oil is absorbed and deposited in the animal's edible tissue.

Beef cattle were infused with different levels of fish oil. Meat from slaughtered research animals contained up to 2 percent of the beneficial n-3 PUFA as EPA.

Young says that the beef shows no sign of "fishy taste or smell" often associated with the oil.

The next research step includes attempts to successfully combine the oil with a protein found in corn, called zein. This product would be mixed directly into the cattle's feed.

"The oil must be insulated in the corn feed to prevent it from breaking down in the animal's rumen before it reaches the intestines," Young said.

The project is sponsored by the Illinois Beef Council along with the Illinois Corn Marketing Board.

Patients surveyed at medical center

St. Elizabeth Medical Center is asking outpatients to "Take It To The Top" in one of its new survey programs.

The new surveys and return boxes will be available in such areas as the Lab and Radiology, which usually have a high concentration of outpatients.

Within the next few months, a new inpatient interview program will also begin.

The interviews are designed to resolve any conflicts that might arise and give added insight into

how patients judge the quality of the health care.

These new programs will supplement the present survey program, which will continue to be mailed to inpatients after they go home. These surveys measure the satisfaction level of patients with all areas of the medical center.

All the completed surveys are tabulated and the results are examined for trends in patient preferences or problem areas.

\$10,000 grant for ileitis research

Employees of McDonnell Douglas have given a \$10,000 grant to the St. Louis Chapter of the National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis to help fund research being conducted at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

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Two million Americans (200,000 of them children) suffer from these illnesses, which strike regardless of sex, age,

race or socio-economic status.

The incidence of IBD is rising at an alarming rate, a spokesman said. More than 300,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, but the causes and cure of the disease remain unknown.

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Amazon attracts winter cruisers

By Jeannie Block
Staff affiliate

South America's mighty Amazon River is fast becoming one of the hottest winter vacation destinations for cruise ship passengers.

Every year more than a dozen vessels leave United States, Caribbean and European ports for the Amazon. The attraction is a relaxing cruise along a colossus of a waterway that has generated a mystical aura since Spanish explorers stumbled across it high in the Ecuadorian

Andes Mountains more than four centuries ago.

The river twists and turns nearly 4,000 miles on an easterly course to the Atlantic through some of the wildest country in the world, carrying more than enough water to fill the Nile, Yangtze and Mississippi Rivers combined.

Sun Line Cruises, a pioneer in Amazon cruises, this winter visited South America and the Amazon. Its flagship, Stella Solaris, was on a 15-day sailing, which included seven ports in

the Caribbean.

It was early in the morning of the 10th day of the cruise when I peered out the window and saw we were sailing on a sand-colored waterway. Passengers were pressing the rails, fascinated by the strange tableau of a wide dirty looking river bordered by endless stretches of thick green jungle foliage. The air was fresh, the morning sun already was hot; and except for the soft swish of the ship slicing through the water, there was stillness.

There was only an occasional

clearing in the Amazon jungle. At times, families in small covered boats, river steamers and fishermen in dugouts would pass the ship.

Although the Stella Solaris called at Amazon ports Alter do Chao, Santeram and Manaus, the highlight of the cruise was an excursion into the Amazon jungle.

This tour fulfilled what the mind's eye visualizes about the Amazon. Much of the ride was through water thick with tropical vegetation. The day was hot,

probably in the mid-90s, but it did not seem too bad on the water.

Marlon, our guide, cautioned that we be very still in order not to frighten away animals. A bit later, pointing out to our left, he whispered, "There's a redheaded vulture." Seeking to attract an alligator, our boat operator stood up, clapped his hands and barked like the crusty reptile. It did not work.

Passing a spot where five small white candles had been pushed into the ground, the

guide explained it was voodoo. He jumped out of the boat and lit them to drive away evil spirits.

The motorboat then stopped at a small pier. We were refreshed by a beer purchased in the local bistro. We followed Marlon for a walk in the jungle.

More information about Sun Line's South American cruises is available by contacting a travel agent or Sun Line Cruises, One Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020.



STELLA SOLARIS DOCKS at Puerto Madryn, Argentina, the gateway to Argentina's Valdes Peninsula. The sea along in the foreground almost resemble rocks.

Fast facts on Amazon River

Loren McIntyre, a former U.S. Navy captain, noted Amazon explorer, writer for the National Geographic Society and lecturer on the Stella Solaris (Sun Line Cruises) said the Amazon River is chemically pure and abounds with 750 species of fish, including the fearsome piranha.

The water's sandy color comes from the great amount of fine sediment washed down from the mountains, McIntyre said.

The Amazon, a part of South American cruise itineraries, is the second-largest river in the world. It is formed by the junction of the Ucayali and Marañon rivers in northern Peru, flows west across northern South America and enters the Atlantic Ocean through northern Brazil.

According to the Cruise Line International Association, 12 cruise lines service South America and the Amazon: American Star Lines, Chandris Fantasy

Cruises, Costa Cruises, Cunard, Epirotiki Lines, Home Lines, Ocean Cruise Lines, Princess Cruises, Royal Viking Line, Seabourn Cruises (formerly Signet Cruises), Society Expedition Cruises and Sun Line Cruises.

Sun Line Cruises will put Stella Solaris, the 16,000-ton flagship for the New York-based cruise line, on a 71-day Grand Voyage around South America. Remote South American ports include the Galapagos Islands, Machu Picchu, Mazca, Cuzco, Iquitos and Puerto Madryn.

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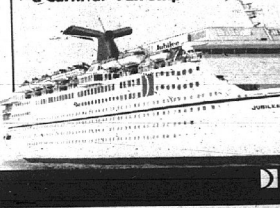
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Cruise lines use special themes

By Deborah Reinhardt
Staff affiliate

The market for potential cruise passengers is as vast as the oceans explored by the ships. According to Cruise Lines International Association, as many as 50 million Americans have a strong interest in taking a cruise. That statistic includes 10 million repeat cruisers.

Cruise lines have just begun to tap the passenger market. You do not have to be a geography wizard to know there are just so many countries at which a ship can call. Itineraries offered by different lines are not radically different, so marketing mavens are turning their attention to pushing ships, not itineraries.

Offering cruises with special themes is part of that strategy. Themes range from just about anybody's fancy, but they all are the responsibility of the ship's social staff. Some lines bring celebrities on board to entertain and mingle with passengers. Royal Cruise Line in March had New York Times crossword puzzle editor Eugene Maleska on the Royal Odyssey's Panama Canal cruise.

Here is a sample of some of the special themes coming up on board ships.

World Explorer Cruises hosts San Francisco painter Dorothy Teganzian on the Universe during an Alaskan cruise July 3 through 17. Teganzian will teach watercolor classes to adults and children, exhibit paintings, sell original works and do portraits on commission. It is the second year she has sailed with World Explorer.

World Explorer chartered the Universe to cruise Alaska on 14-day itineraries during the summer. The line emphasizes education while offering traditional cruise amenities. The information number is 800-854-3835.

Princess Cruises will bring aboard television journalist

Edwin Newman on board the Royal Princess for a 10-day Alaskan cruise that departs Aug. 29. Newman will present lectures, Singer Rosemary Clooney entertains on that ship June 30.

More information is available by writing to Princess Cruises, 2023 Century Park East, Los Angeles, Calif. 90067.

Lovers of fine food and wine might want to experience Viking Line's Connoisseur's Europe cruises. The last of three cruises is set for Aug. 13.

During the 13-day trip on board the Royal Viking Sky, passengers will experience wine tasting led by Christophe Salin of Domaines Barons de Rothschild in France and gourmet cooking demonstrations by a guest chef who has yet to be announced.

This itinerary includes maiden calls at St. Nazaire, France, and St. Helier, Jersey. Great Britain as well as Oporto, Portugal; Bordeaux, France; Plymouth, England; Antwerp, Belgium; and Amsterdam, Netherlands. Fares begin at \$3,681 and include air fare from the East Coast.

More information is available by writing Royal Viking Line, 750 Battery St., San Francisco, 94111.

Cool jazz heats up the October air when Norwegian Cruise Line presents its sixth annual Floating Jazz Festival. Two cruises are scheduled.

A cruise on the Norway departs Oct. 22 and will host jazz greats including Dizzy Gillespie and his quintet. Norway calls at St. Martin, St. John, St. Thomas and NCL's private island in the Bahamas. Fares begin at \$1,245 and include air fare to Florida.

NCL's newest ship, the Seaward, will host jazz performers including Joe Williams and Lionel Hampton on a cruise departing Oct. 30. The Seaward will call at NCL's private island in the Bahamas, Ocho Rios, Jama-

ca; Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico. Fares begin at \$975.

Royal Cruise Line's newest ship, the Crown Odyssey, has several parties planned.

For the trans-Atlantic society cruise on Sept. 4, big-band music and a Great Gatsby party are offered. Fares begin at \$2,228.

A Panama Canal cruise on Oct. 17 will feature a music and dance festival. Fares begin at \$2,998.

Mexican Riviera sailings Oct. 31, Nov. 10, 19 and 28 will be complemented by Hollywood celebrities. Ports of call in Mexico are Puerto Vallarta, Zihuatanejo, Ixtapa, Cabo San Lucas and Acapulco. Fares begin at \$1,998.

A Panama Canal itinerary beginning Dec. 7 will feature a film festival and appearances by actors, actresses and film-industry experts. Fares begin at \$2,998.

South Florida Cruises, a company that sells cruises directly to consumers at discount prices, has organized a baseball cruise on board the Bermuda Queen. The cruise departs Nov. 12 from New Orleans for Key West, and Mexican ports Cozumel, Playa Del Carmen, and Cancun. More information is available by calling 800-327-SHIP.

Remember that travel agents often can save tourists money when booking a cruise. When a cruise is booked by calling the cruise line reservation number, tourists will pay the brochure price, which usually does not include discounts. It is a good idea to compare the brochure fare with a price quoted by an agent. The smartest consumer is an informed consumer.

Readers with questions or comments should write: Deborah Reinhardt, travel editor, St. Louis News-Service, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 108, St. Louis, 63141.

Seven Seas cruise facts at a glance

•Itinerary: Seven Seas Adventure. From Genoa to Venice, the Seven Seas Adventure covers nearly 4,000 miles. The Seven Seas are the Ligurian, Tyrrhenian, Ionian, Adriatic, Aegean (all part of the Mediterranean) Marmara and Black. Ports of call are Messina, Sicily; Olympia, Greece; Piraeus (Athens), Greece; Mykonos, Greece; Istanbul, Turkey; Nesebur, Bulgaria; Odessa, Soviet Union; Yalta, Soviet Union; Itea, Greece; Corfu, Greece; Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia; Venice, Italy.

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Around the kitchen

Strawberries make tasty duo with rich, simple chocolate

The irresistible richness of chocolate is enhanced by the tartness of fresh fruit. Strawberries in particular are delicious paired with either semisweet or milk chocolate. Served as a topping for chocolate desserts or simply dipped in melted chocolate, the results are sensational.

Chocolate Chip Berry Shortcake is an innovation on the classic biscuit-type cake. Beginning with the convenience of packaged baking mix, the batter is mixed with miniature chocolate chips before baking. Warm chocolate chip-laden wedges can be served with sweetened whipped cream and a generous serving of sliced berries on top.

For a treat that is simplicity at its best, serve Chocolate-Dipped Strawberries. These are expensive to buy in specialty food shops, but are so easy to prepare that they are a cinch for a budget bonus with compliments to boot.

To begin, select red-ripe, plump berries with the green caps attached. Holding by the cap, dip each berry into melted chocolate, place on waxed paper and chill to firm. They are so easy that they can be used as an hors d'oeuvre, a unique garnish for desserts or several can be placed in a bowl for a light final mealtime.

Chocolate chip berry shortcake
2 cups buttermilk baking mix
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 tbsp. oil
1 cup milk
1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
Sweetened whipped cream or topping
1 qt. strawberries, sliced, sweetened
Grease 8-inch round pan. In mixing bowl, combine baking mix and sugar. In second bowl, beat egg slightly. Blend in oil and milk. Add to dry ingredients. Stir just until moistened (batter may be lumpy). Stir in chocolate chips. Spoon into prepared pan. Bake at 375° for 25 to 30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes on wire rack. Remove from pan. Place on serving plate. Cut in wedges. Top with sweetened whipped



A MAGICAL PAIRING of flavors occurs in the match of tangy strawberries and smooth chocolate.

cream or topping and sliced strawberries.
Makes 8 servings.

Chocolate-dipped strawberries
1 cup semisweet or milk chocolate chips
1 tbsp. shortening (not butter, margarine or oil)
1 pt. large strawberries with caps, washed, dried, chilled

In top of double boiler over hot, not boiling, water, melt chocolate chips and shortening. Stir until smooth. Remove chocolate from heat.

Holding each berry by cap or stem, dip berry about two-thirds of way into chocolate. Shake gently to remove excess chocolate.

Place dipped berries on tray covered with waxed paper. Chill until chocolate is firm.

Note: If chocolate thickens, add additional tablespoon shortening and stir until smooth. Makes about 12 berries.

Microwave directions: Place chocolate and shortening in microwave-safe bowl. Melt on high 1 minute. Stir-Repeat as needed.

Pineapple minted turkey

- 2 cans (20-oz. each) pineapple chunks in juice
- 1 cup pineapple or apple juice
- 3 tbsp. cornstarch
- 4 tsp. mint leaves
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Drain pineapple chunks, reserving juice. Add additional juice to measure 3 cups.

In medium saucepan, stir together cornstarch, mint and salt. Gradually stir in juice until smooth. Stirring constantly, bring to boil over medium heat. Boil 1 minute.

Remove from heat. Remove 1 cup mixture for glaze (1/2 cup for turkey breast). Stir pineapple chunks into remaining mixture for sauce. Remove turkey from oven 45 minutes before projected done time. Brush with glaze. Return to oven. Continue roasting, brushing frequently with glaze, 45 minutes or until turkey tests done.

Heat sauce. Serve 3 to 4 tablespoons over each serving sliced turkey.

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Spinach salad with zesty dressing

- 2 large bunches (about 20 oz.) fresh spinach, torn in bite size pieces
- 1 lb. mushrooms, sliced
- 1 grapefruit or 2 oranges, peeled, cut in quarter cartwheel slices
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 6 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled
- 2 hard cooked eggs, sliced or chopped

Zesty Lemon Mustard Dressing:
In jar with lid combine 1/4 cup oil, 1 egg, slightly beaten; juice of 1 lemon; 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard; 1 tablespoon grated parmesan cheese; 1 teaspoon sugar; 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; 1/2 teaspoon salt, and generous dash pepper. Shake well. Chill. Makes about 3/4 cup dressing.

Marjoram-lemon chicken

- 1 chicken (3 to 3 1/2 lb.), cut up
- 1/2 cup olive or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup white wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. finely chopped parsley
- 1 tsp. marjoram
- 1 tsp. hot mustard
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced

Rinse chicken, Pat dry. In large bowl, combine oil, vinegar, onion, lemon juice, parsley, marjoram, hot mustard, pepper and garlic to make marinade. Turn chicken in marinade to coat. Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours or overnight, turning occasionally. Lift chicken from marinade, reserving marinade, and place skin-side up in shallow baking pan. Bake in 375° oven 50 minutes or until done, basting occasionally with marinade. Makes 4 servings; 341 calories, 21 gm. protein, 1 gm. carbohydrate, 24 gm. fat each.

Huevos rancheros

- 1 can (10 oz.) tomatoes and green chilies
- 12 corn tortillas
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. oregano
- Oil

Saute garlic and onion until tender in 2 tablespoons oil. Add toma-

toes and green chilies, sugar, oregano, salt and pepper to taste. Simmer about 15 minutes. Dip tortillas in hot oil, drain and place on platter. Spoon tomatoes and green chilies on tortillas, making stacks, three tortillas in each stack. Fry eggs. Place on top of tortilla stacks and topped parsley with more tomatoes and green chilies. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

Tex-mex potato pancakes

- 6 medium baking potatoes, baked, peeled, mashed
- 1/2 cup corn kernels, thawed if frozen, or drained if canned
- 1 cup (1 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese
- 4 tsp. butter flavored sprinkles
- 2 tsp. flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tsp. dairy sour half-and-half
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. paprika
- Dash pepper sauce

Combine potatoes, corn, cheese, butter flavored sprinkles, flour, egg, sour half-and-half, pepper, paprika and pepper sauce. Mix well. Spray large non-stick skillet with no-stick cooking spray. Shape potato mixture into twelve 2-inch round patties. Brown on both sides in skillet. Serve hot.

Stir-fry chicken and broccoli

- 8 chicken thighs, skinned, boned
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 3 tsp. peanut oil
- 1 bunch fresh broccoli, cut in small pieces
- 1 cup sliced green onion, both white and green parts
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tsp. chicken broth
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- Whole Wheat Croutons

Cut chicken in bite-size pieces. Sprinkle with ginger and pepper. In large frying pan or wok, heat oil to high temperature. Stir-fry chicken 3 minutes or until brown. Push chicken to side. Add broccoli and onion. Stir-fry 3 minutes more. Mix together 1/2 cup broth, salt and sugar. Stir into frying pan. Reduce heat to medium-high, cover and cook 2 minutes. Add cornstarch to remaining 2 tablespoons chicken broth. Stir until smooth. Stir into frying pan.

Cook 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in parmesan, cheese. Sprinkle with Whole Wheat Croutons. Makes 6 servings. **Whole Wheat Croutons:** Cut 4 slices whole wheat bread in 1-inch cubes. Mix together bread cubes, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley and 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt. Spread in single layer. Toast in 300° oven about 20 minutes or until crisp.

Bombay almond chicken

- 2 tsp. oil
- 1/2 cup whole almonds
- 2 tsp. curry powder
- 1 cup diced tart apples
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 2 tsp. flour
- 1 cup chicken or beef bouillon
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 cup diced cooked chicken, turkey, lamb or beef
- Salt to taste

2 cups hot cooked brown rice
1 bunch broccoli, cut in 2 inch pieces, cooked tender-crisp
In large skillet over medium heat, combine 1/2 tablespoon oil and almonds. Cook about 10 minutes, stirring frequently, until almonds are golden brown. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon curry powder. Toss 30 seconds. With slotted spoon, transfer almonds to paper toweling to cool. Add 1 1/2 tablespoons oil to skillet with apples, onions and mushrooms. Sauté 5 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon curry powder and the flour. Cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Stir in bouillon, milk and lemon juice. Cook, stirring over low heat, about 5 minutes until smooth and thickened. Stir in chicken and salt. Heat through. To serve, portion rice and broccoli, equally divided, on individual plates. Spoon hot curry mixture, equally divided, over rice and broccoli. Top with almonds. Makes 4 servings; 432 calories, 20 gm. protein, 42.5 gm. carbohydrate, 21 gm. fat and 255 mg. sodium each.

Cheeseburger tasty both outside, inside

Cheese makes a great burger filling. Shape one around crumbled blue, dried smoked gouda, shredded cheddar or other cheese favorites, or make two thin patties and sandwich cheese between them. Either way, be sure to seal the edges of the burger completely to prevent cheese from melting out during cooking.

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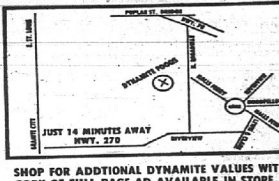
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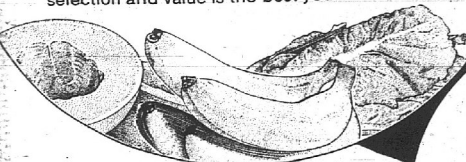
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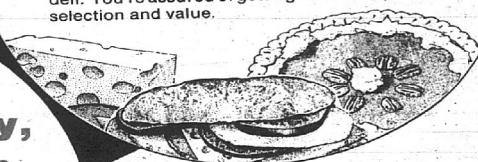
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Men of Steele

Superpower-hitting Silver Bullets bust fences in Belleville tonight

By Scott Marlon

So you think your slow-pitch softball team rang up some impressive numbers last season? Let's see if it can match these numbers: A 340-15 won-lost record, 6,090 home runs, 12,738 runs batted in and a .695 team batting average.

Those incredible statistics belong to Steele's Silver Bullets, who will play two games tonight at St. Clair Park in Belleville. Steele's first game, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will be against either the Belleville Merchants or the St. Clair Grounds Crew, two teams who will meet at an earlier date for the right to play Steele's. At 9 p.m., the Silver Bullets will challenge the winner of a 6:30 p.m. all-star game between Classic League and St. Clair Park.

The Silver Bullets, co-sponsored by Steele's Sporting Goods Co. of Grafton, Ohio, and Coors Light beer, are in the midst of a 100-plus game, 40-state tour which started in February.

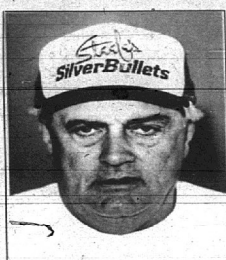
"Everybody worked hard over the winter to get into the best shape they possibly could," said Dave Neale, Steele's manager since 1983. "This is the best-conditioned team I have ever been involved with and because of this, we should improve on last year's record."

Competition for spots on the Silver Bullets' 16-man roster is fierce. The team features four first-year players and includes players from 10 states and one from Canada. The average age is 24.

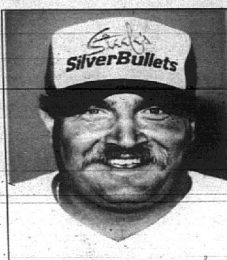
At first glance, Steele's may seem more like a pro football team than a softball team, as its average height and weight is 6-3 and 235 pounds. In fact, one of its players, 6-6, 280-pound Scott Virkus, played defensive end in the NFL with Indianapolis, Buffalo and New England.

This is Scott's third year with us and I look for this to be his best year," Neale said. "With the speed and strength he has, he is probably one of the most exciting players in the game today."

Virkus is only the third-heaviest player on the team, behind first baseman Monty Tucker



Dave Neale



Mike Macenko



Ted Cox

(6-8, 308) and pitcher-catcher Craig Elliott (6-4, 290).

"With Monty going to the weight room and working out this past winter, I'm anxious to find out how far he can hit a softball," Neale said.

"After missing the first 70 games of last season, (Elliott) had a season that probably everybody in softball wishes they could have. The way Craig has worked out during the winter, I look for him to have the best season he has ever had."

One of the newcomers on the team is infielder Ted Cox, who played major-league baseball with Cleveland, Seattle and Toronto from 1977 to 1981. "With his major-league experience, Ted should be a valuable addition to our team," Neale said. "After three years in softball, we think he has the baseball swing and the softball swing in, so he can hit the softball as far as he did the baseball."

On a team featuring eight players with 500 or more homers (last season), six with 1,000 or more RBIs and four with 700-plus batting averages, it's hard to pick one player as a standout. But 32-year-old second baseman Mike Macenko is a superstar by any standard.

In 1987, the 6-3, 265-pound Macenko set national slow-pitch records with 844 home runs and

1,534 RBI in 350 games. He hit nine home runs in one game and eight in two others. One of his homers was a 508-foot shot in Las Vegas.

"He was the best he could be last season," said Neale. "It was probably the greatest season a softball player has ever had. Mike has no equal from the left side of the plate in total distance."

Macenko, an avid fisherman, compares home-run-hitting to fishing.

"You don't ever get tired of it," he said. "I hope to keep playing until at least the age of 40."

Other players on the team are catcher/designated hitters Bill Blake and Fred Trice, third baseman Ken Dain, infielder/outfielders Ricky Huggins and

Ernie Montgomery, outfielders Ken Loeri, Doug Robertson and Jeff Stamps, shortstop Ron Farnell, utilityman Terry Perryman and pitcher Rick Welterman.

After one stop in Missouri (July 14 at Pevely) and three in Illinois, Steele's hits the road for games in Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Canada. Then it's on to Washington, Idaho and Montana. The Silver Bullets also compete in all three legs of softball's Triple Crown: the National Soft-

ball Association World Series (Aug. 26-28 in Austin, Texas), the Amateur Softball Association Super Nationals (Sept. 8-11 in Oklahoma City, OK) and the United States Slow-Pitch Softball Association World Series (Sept. 15-18 in Long Beach, Calif.).

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GC Elks take 2nd

GRANITE CITY ELKS 75 boys soccer team took second in the Circle City Classic Tournament in Indianapolis on June 18-19. The Under 13 group consisted of 12 teams from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky. The Elks, coached by Keith Gehling, won their six-team division but were defeated 5-2 by the Bay Biltz of Cleveland in the championship game at Pan-American Games Stadium. In divisional play, the Elks had wins over teams from Fairfield, Ohio (3-0), and Katamazoo, Mich. (2-1). They also tied Portage, Mich., 1-1. Team members are, front row left to right, Brian Kohler, Shane McAllister, Jason Starko, Tommy Dalton, Marc Patton, Jason Maxfield and Mike Jaros. Back row left to right, Jason Richardson, Shawn Sheikh, Jon Duff, Bobby Vincent, Brent Dippel, Ben Hicks and coach Gehling.

Just wondering

Time to ponder stray thoughts of sport

I've got something special today. I'm going to let you in on a big-time journalism secret. No, this isn't how to use the semicolon. I'm afraid only one person per newspaper is allowed to use the Semicolon Society and they won't even discuss punctuation until you show you know their secret handshake.

Today's secret is the "vacation column." This is how columnists survive on days when they're weary, stressed out or confused about why stripes don't go with plaids. The way you do it is mention vacation in the first sentence and then list every stray thought you've had in the last week. Best of all, you get to skip those tedious transition sentences.

Allow me to demonstrate: Wow, vacation was great. No one broke into my house while I was gone. Among the other things that happened while I was away:

—Bill Bidwill must think he's died and gone to heaven. Not only are people in Phoenix buying Big Red tickets, they're fighting over them. And the average price is about \$40, but some fans are going to plunk down \$2,000 for a season ticket. We're not talking about a cushy luxury box where Heather Locklear is your personal plaything for the afternoon. This is for one seat. Hard back. Middle of the row. In the sun. Watching the "Big Red" Pinch me.

Someone in the Big Red front office said, "I'm sure some people will feel the price is too high, but we feel it is a good price for our product."

Yeah. I'm compiling a list of people who deserve to be shot in the kneecap. Don King is at the top of my list. I'm accepting nominations.

Sports talk

Dennis Barndige

—Fredbird is 10 years old. That raises a question: Why? It's been nice having the Cardinals on the tube so often. There's a special joy in hearing Al Hrabosky try to predict every single pitch and second guess the ones that get hit. I hope this catches on with the radio crew, which seems bullheadedly intent on talking about the entire ballgame and baseball in general.

I staged a mid-season rally in the Father of the Year point standings by taking my kids to Chicago to see a ballgame at Wrigley Field. It took only 87 trips to the joint and 119 to con- cession stands in order to get settled in time for the seventh-inning stretch. This is the perfect family outing for long-distance runners who have recently won the lottery.

—This is one of those questions that may not have an answer: Which is brighter, the KMOX sports staff or a box of rocks?

The editors of Webster's New World Dictionary are in a quandary. How best to describe John Tudor's manners? The leading candidates are "churlish" and "absent," though "porcine" is getting some late support.

—More on kids at the ballpark: One of the joys of hauling young children to a game is exposing them to adult behavior they normally wouldn't run into, unless they were raised in a bus

station. In Chicago, my 7-year-old enjoyed the frisky interplay between the drunken Cub fans behind us and the drunken Met fans in front of us.

—She would have enjoyed watching the Cub fans hold up a T-shirt suggesting that a physically impossible act be performed on the entire city of New York, but her kill-joy mother spent three innings holding her hand over the girl's eyes.

—It was a nice gesture on Donald Trump's part to give away free hot dogs to the crowd after the Tyson-Spinks fight ended in the blink of an eye. I know if I spent \$1,000 to see a 91-second fight, I'd feel I got my money's worth if they threw in a free dog or two.

Go figure: If the second half of the season goes like the first, the Cardinals will finish 12 games behind the Chicago Cubs. Hope you enjoyed the look inside journalism. Next week I'll reveal how headlines can draw a reader into almost anything, even disgusting things like spitting. —Great Expectations: Apropos In The Office?

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